



## Summer Reading List For Students Entering Grade 2

### Picture Books & More:

**A Boy, A Mouse and a Spider The Story of E.B. White** by Barbara Herkert  
(2019 COCBA Nominee)

**A Different Pond** by Bao Phi

**Alexander Hamilton: a Plan for America** by Sarah Albee

**Alfie: (The Turtle That Disappeared)** by Thyra Heder (2020 Elem Nutmeg Nominee)

**All Are Welcome** by Alexandra Penfold

**Anything But Ordinary Addie: The True Story of Adelaide Herrmann, the Queen of Magic** by Mara Rockliff

**April & Esme, Tooth Fairies** by Bob Graham

**Blue Chameleon** by Emily Gravett

**Bolivar** by Sean Rubin (2020 Elem Nutmeg Nominee)

**Born in the Wild** by Lita Judge

**Brave Like Me** by Barbara Kerley

**Bruce's Big Move** by Ryan T. Higgins

**Bumblebee Bats** by Jill Wheeler

**The Curious Garden** by Peter Brown

**Doll-E 1.0** by Shanda McCloskey

**Flutter & Hum/Aleteo Y Zumbido: Animal Poems/Poemas de Animales**

by Julie Paschkis (2020 Elem Nutmeg Nominee)

**Goldfish on Vacation** by Sally Lloyd-Jones

**Her Right Foot** by Dave Eggers (2020 Elem Nutmeg Nominee)

**I'm My Own Dog** by David Ezra Stein

**I See a Pattern Here** by Bruce Goldstone

**If Sharks Disappeared** by Lily Williams (2020 Elem Nutmeg Nominee)

**It's Raining!** by Gail Gibbons

**I Want That Nut** by Madeline Valentine

**Let the Children March** by Monica Clark-Robinson

**Maybe Something Beautiful: How Art Transformed a Neighborhood**

by F. Isabel Campoy & Theresa Howell

**Mud Puddle** by Robert Munsch

**The Night Gardener** by Terry Fan

**Otis and Will Discover the Deep: The Record-Setting Dive of the Bathysphere**

by Barb Rosenstock (2020 Elem Nutmeg Nominee)

**Pine and Boof The Lucky Leaf** by Ross Burach  
**Robins!: How They Grow Up** by Eileen Christelow (*2020 Elem Nutmeg Nominee*)  
**The Dinosaur Expert** by Margaret McNamara (*2020 Elem Nutmeg Nominee*)  
**The Doctor with an Eye for Eyes: The Story of Dr. Patricia Bath** by Julia Finley Mosca  
**The Flying Girl: How Aida de Costa Learned to Fly** by Margarita Engle  
**The Story of Diva and Flea** by Mo Willems (*2020 Elem Nutmeg Nominee*)  
**The Truth About Bears** by Maxwell Eaton III  
**Tooth and Claw: The Wild World of Big Predators** by Jim Arnosky  
**Traction Man (series)** by Mini Grey  
**Trombone Shorty** by Troy “Trombone Shorty” Andrews (*2020 Elem Nutmeg Nominee*)  
**What Do You Do With a Problem?** by Kobi Yamada  
**When No One is Watching** by Eileen Spinelli  
**We Came to America** by Faith Ringgold

### **Shorter Chapter Books (can be read alone or shared with someone else)**

**Arnold & Louise** (series) by Erica Perl  
**A Boy Called BAT** by Elana K. Arnold (*2020 Elem Nutmeg Winner*)  
**Benny and Penny** (series) by Geoffrey Hayes  
**Bink and Gollie (series)** by Kate DiCamillo  
**Book Uncle and Me** by Uma Krishnaswami (*2020 Elem Nutmeg Nominee*)  
**Bramble & Maggie** (series) by Jessie Hess  
**Brave Norman** (series) by Andrew Clements  
**Charlie and Mouse** (series) by Laurel Snyder  
**Dragon Masters** (series) by Tracey West  
**King and Kayla** (series) Dori Hillestad Butler  
**Lola Levine** (series) by Monica Brown (*2020 Elem Nutmeg Nominee*)  
**Mia Mayhem** (series) by Kara West  
**Mouse and Mole** (series) by Herbert Yee Wong  
**Narwhal and Jelly** (series) by Ben Clanton  
**Pearl and Wagner** (series) by Kate McMullan  
**Press Start** (series) by Thomas Flinthanm  
**Unicorn Diaries** (series) by Rebecca Elliott  
**Waiting for the Magic** by Patricia MacLachlan

## **2021 ELEMENTARY NUTMEG NOMINEES**

(grades 2-3)



**After the Fall (How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again)** by Dan Santat

**Because** by Mo Willems

**Borrowing Bunnies: A Surprising True Tale of Fostering Rabbits** by Cynthia Lord

**The Cardboard Kingdom** by Chad Sell

**Carter Reads the Newspaper** by Deborah Hopkinson

**Game Changers: The Story of Venus and Serena Williams** by Lesa Cline-Ransome

**Ida, Always** by Caron Levis

**The Infamous Ratsos** by Kara LaReau

**Jasmine Toguchi, Mochi Queen** by Debbi Michiko Florence

**Magic Ramen: The Story of Momofuku Ando** by Andrea Wang

**Rescue & Jessica: A Life-Changing Friendship** by Jessica Kensky & Patrick Downes

**Seashells: More Than a Home** by Melissa Stewart

**We Don't Eat Our Classmates** by Ryan T. Higgins

**Wedgie & Gizmo** by Suzanne Selfors

**The World is Not a Rectangle: A Portrait of Architect Zaha Hadid** by Jeanette Winter

## **Charter Oak Children's Book Award (COCBA) 2020**

**Made by Maxine** by Ruth Spiro

**Can I Be Your Dog?** by Troy Cummings

**Truman** by Jean Reidy

**Friends Stick Together** by Hannah E. Harrison

**The Astronaut Who Painted the Moon** by Dean Robbins

**The Crayon Man** by Natascha Biebow

**Born to Ride** by Larissa Theule

**Up In The Leaves** by Shira Boss